

MIDDLEBOROVV: (51

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A brieſe Reherſall

of the accorde and agreement, that
the Captaines, Burgiſes, and Armie of
MIDDLEBOROVV and ARMEVV: have
made, in yelding theſelues to the right high
and excellent Prince, the Lorde William
Prince of Orrange, Countie of Naſſau. &c.

With a lamentable Diſcourſe of
the calamities, great hungre & extreame
miſeries, that they ſuſtained, beſore they
yeloed by the ſaid Townes.

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The Coppy of the

agreement and accord, betwene the
Prince of Orange, & them of Wydelborow
and Armeu as foloweth &c.



As much as Sir Christo-
pher Montdragon Knight, Lorde of
Kembicourt, Captayne generall of
the ~~the~~ allowne souldiers being in-
stante in the towines of Wydelbor-
row & Armeu: vpon request made
vnto him by the Captayne of Strenchamps, com-
myng agayne out of Prison) by his Letters dated
the xvi. day of the same present Moneth, vnto the
right highe & excellent Prince, & Lorde William
prince of Orange counrey of Nassau. &c. beseech-
ing his Maestie to send his Commissioners vnto the
Castell of Raminckens (named Heborow) to
parle with the, concerning the yeloyng by of the
afoze named Townes and Cities.

To the whiche requeste his Maestie wil-
lingly graunted: and sent his Commissioners to
propose certayne Articles and Conditions to the
Commissioners of the Lorde Montdragon, by the
which meanes, their aforesayd offer to yeld by the
Townes might be accepted. In consideration
whereof, the Commissioners mett together at the
tyme appoynted, where betwene them the Con-
ditions and Articles aforesayd were fully conclu-
ded and agreed vpon on both sides, in maner and
fourme followyng. &c.

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If first, the Lord of Montdragon, Walpeld and gene ouer the towne of Widdelborow and Armew, without spoylinge of any Forte or dempnishing any strengthe thereof presently. And also al the Ordinance and munition of Warres, with all such Ships, Cordes and Marchandies as are therein. Yea, and he with al his Soldiers (such as wyl not sweare vnto his excellency) shal immediatly abyrd out of the Iland of Malcheren, takepng with them their wepons and Ensignes, with bagge & bagadge to them belonging, simply and faithfully: not medlyng with any other Cordes or parcelles, what soeuer to them not belongyng. And who that shall transgresse the saide Ordynance, carrynge away more then his owne, shall stande to the punishment of the saide Prince.

E Moreover, if that the Lorde Montdragon do not deliuer in safetie, within the space of two Monethes into Hollande or Sealande, or some other place, vnder y^e iurisdiction of y^e said Prince, these persons hereafter named: That is to say: Phillip of Martiner Esquier, the Lord of Polwnte S. Audegonde, the Captaine Jacob Simoissen, a Captaine that was taken in the HAGHE whose surname is Citadelle, the Lieutenant of the Captaine, William of Angeren, and one more, whose surname is Pein: then shall remaine in prison, thre Captaynes, thre Liutennautes, thre Ensigne bearers, thre Seruants of the Band: & thre Corporalles

Corporals, according to the law of Armes until such time as the Person: aforesayde be deliuered.

¶ Likewise it shall be lawfull to departe oute of the sayde Towne, all Artellers, Gonners, Commissioners, Shippers: Ian Coppes, Iaques Pardenille, wth their Seruants, writings, Letters Bagge and baggage, what so euer it be, as also the Priestes and Ponks, and men of Religion, onely with their habites (yf they wyll.)

¶ And his Maiestie shall set such good order in the premisses, that all those which departe oute of the Iland with their goodes, as is befoze expressed, shal be shipped ouer into the Coasts of Flaunders in good safetie, promisinge the subscribed Commissioners and Deputyes, by their faith and hono^r, to stablish and perfourme in full and ample maner, this aforesayde agreement of the Prince of Orange, and the Lord Montezogon, respectiuelly: & for y^e more assurance whereof, Pledges on both sides shalbe deliuered.

¶ These foresayd Articles being agreed and concluded in the Fortresse of Hammekens, the xix. day of February. ANNO 1574.

Beneath were written the one after y^e others Duttem, Gillis de villain, Anthoni de Gerards, Franc^{coys} de Bouchant, Iunius de Ionge, Arendt van Dorpe, Charles de Boisot. And a litle lower was written, W^{illiam} of Nassou, on y^e one side: & J^{ohn} Christ^{oph}

pher Montdragon knight, Lord of Rembycourt,
of Lus, Gassanville, on the other side: haue seene
and perused the aforesaided agreement and ac-
corde: which with our wyls and full content is
concluded. For y^e confirmation wherof we haue
promised, & by these presents do promise by our
pryncely wordes and honours, to performe and
accomplish, and cause to be performed and ac-
complished, the whole contents of the same in
all points and Articles, withoute gapnsaying,
or suffer to be gapnsayde, them, or any parte of
them.

In witness wherof we haue subscribed and
sealed to the same, the foresayde .xix. day of
February in the yere aforesayde. And
beneath was subscribed. *Guillam de Nasion.*

Christopher de Montdragon.

The cōpy of the

Proclamation. set forth by
the Prince of Orange.



William, by the grace of
God, Prince of Orange, Count
of Nassou &c. Governour of Hol-
land, Zelând, Frisland, & Utrecht:
vnderstandynge that the Burge-
masters of the Towne of Middel-
borch,

honor, have simply declared & most humbly
haue caused to be shewed vnto vs, in the name
of themselves, their Cittizens, & the Colonel
Pontdragon: their extreame miseries, hunger
and calamities: haue therfore of more compas-
sion, earnestly mouinge vs to embrace Chri-
stian mercy, aboue rigour and crueltie, thought it
good to declare vnto them by these presents these
Articles following.

¶ First, the aforesayd Cittizens, such as wyl
swear to vs on the behalfe of the Kings Maie-
tie, shal be vnder our obediēce in his Maiesties
behalfe as other Citties and Townes: and ther-
by saue and retayne their bodies & goods with-
out reproche, or reheartail of any matters that
arise. For the assurance whereof, we shal cause
a certaine number of our Burghes of 4 townes
of Siericzee Vlissing: and Camphere to be placed
in the same to keepe out our souldiers & Har-
bours. Intending also by all means possible
to suppress & quench the hatred of other townes
conceiued against them.

¶ And who so euer is not disposed to be sworn
as afore is sayde, we wyl chuse of them ten
men, which we shal keepe in the cleaf of Ma-
cheren, to the end they shall cause to be deli-
uered (by what means so euer it be) the Burges
master with other Cittizens of Harlam in lyke
number.

¶ The other good Cittizens that are there pre-
sent, &

sent, or hereafter shall come, shall henceforth occupy their trade of Marchandise: and vse and enioy their rightes & Priuiledges within theyr limitts, as they haue bin accustomed in times past, we (orly) resayning to our selues the power to make prouision for them of Campbere, Tillispyng, and Armeu, with other such lyke places, for all such necessaryes as we shal se good and expedient.

¶ Wee do you to vnderstande also, that notwithstanding the proposition of thre hundred thousand Eldens, being demaunded of vs: the Cittizens shall pay by generall consent, such a reasonable some of Money to the mayntinance of the Army, and helppng to disue away the Enemy of our natiue Land, and Country, according as we shall finde it mete to cease them after their abillitie, not comprehendinge herein the Aplyndish men, which haue sustayned and followed our aduersaries, concerninge whom wee wyll here after consider off, and set order for them.

¶ Moreouer the Cittizens shalbe bounde to take diligent orde that none of the Marchandise, or spirituall Goodes, or any other thinge be conuayed priuely, digged, or carped away: but shall forthwith, present al such goods & fuelles as they shal know to be buried, conuayed away or geuen to any Body to keepe, or other wise be-lygging to spiritual, or other persons, that keepe them

themselves without the Glance of Malcherent
and that vpon paine of bodily punishment.

Further, concernynge the request of the
Burgemaisters aforesaid: (namely) that the Ci-
tizins, that ar fled befoze this tyme, might now
come again to their goodes and possessions: we
shall hereafter consider therof, and dispose the
same, as shalbe mete and conuenient in that
behalfe.

And also, touchyng the foresaid request of the
Burgemaisters, and Commissioners of Middle-
buxow: concerning priestes, spiritual persons,
beysue seruice, Churchegoods: and debtes, made
by occasion of this warre: with other pointes
giuen by by them in writyng: the Priestes and
spirituall persones, shall departe with their ha-
bittes vpon them: the rest, we shall dispose at
tyme conuenient, for the mosse profit of the Citie
and countrey, in such reasonable order, as here-
after shalbe thought mete.

*Geuen, in the Towne of Vlissing, vnder
our bande and Seale: the .xix. days
of Februarie. Anno. 1574.



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¶ Hereafter

Thereafter foloweth a short rehearsal
of the calamities, great hunger and extreme
mysteries, that they sustayned in Middlebo-
row and Armeſw, befoze they yeldeo by the
ſaide Townes.



When thei of *Middleborow* and
Armeſw, ſaw that there was
no moze ayde: and that all
their prouiſion, (as well
fuell, as meat and drinke)
was coſumed: And that their hunger,
(whiche is a Warpe Sworde) increa-
ſed moze & moze: they imagyned, how
to ſaue their wiues & children: which
they could not do, becauſe thei had ad-
mitted no Souldiers, then they were
able to gouerne.

Moreouer, (that is to be lamented)
the Colonel & his Souldiers, by great
violence, haue taken out of the poore
Citizens Houſes, all kind of vittualles
wherwith they might haue ſuſtained
the liues of their wyues and children,
beatyng

beatyng them, & handlyng them moſte
rigorouſly: yea, takyng the bread and
bittayles, even oute of the Chyldeys
mouthes: and carried al the prouiſion
of bittaylles, into their Campes and
Trenches: not regardyng the pittiful
lamentations and complaints of the
Cittezins. By theſe meanes, were
the Citezins conſtrayned (with their
wiues and chyldeyn,) to ſuffer a moſte
miſerable hungre, the ſpace of ſeuern
weekes longe: ſo that they were com-
pelled to buy for their meate, Rattes,
Cattes, Mice and Dogges: with the
fleſhe of other Beaſtes, that are not
meete for man to eate, and to pay for
the ſame full dearelye. For a pounde
of Horſe fleſhe, was ſoulde for .xii. d. a
quarter of a Dog, was ſoulde for two
Wyllynges .iiii. d. a Rat. viii. d. and a
Mowce. ii. d.

When this kinde of ſuffenance was
conſumed and eaten: and that there
was no moze bread leſte: there weare
ſownde

to wnde within the Townes certayne
Barners, wherein was Hempleed, and
Leasrede, wherof the Cittizins made
them bread: And for asmuche, as they
coulde not eate it after it was bakte:
they did knead it agayne with water,
and bakte it (as Wasers) in an Iron.

But (alas,) by meanes therof, the Ci-
tizins be so rotted and spoiled in their
guts, that it is greatly to be doubted
of their lynes and heales.

And when I call to minde, how that
(as well) the Elders, as others, must
out by their children fro their neigh-
bours and fellow Cittizins, I can not
refraine me from weeping: As for Ex-
ample: a woman of good credit, com-
ing from Middlebrow, did most pi-
tfullie complayne, that she was con-
strained to shutte by her children three
weekes long, lest they were taken fro
her to be killed and eaten. But all
this whyle, the Colonel and his Soul-
diers liued of the breade and bittaylle
that

that they had taken so longe ago, tyll
they weare come to halfe a pounce of
bread a day : after that to a quarter of
a lb. and at the laste, to halfe a quarter
of a pounce. And finally, the Soldiers
(for all their daintinesse,) haue beene
constrayned to eate with the Cittizins
the pylle Cakes. And the fat bellied
and wel fed Monkes in the rich Abbey,
died for hunger. wherby may be con-
sidered, what great myserie and hun-
gre, the comon Cittizins, with their
wives and children, moste lametably
haue sustained.



22 To the Reader.

WE mean not here (good reader)
to hide from thee : how fayre and fer-
till this countrey of Malcheren is : how
profitable to all Countreies neareby, that with-
out it, neither Holland, Sealand, Brabande,
and Flaunders : yea, the whole Navigation
in no

In no wise (can be maintayned.

And soz asmuche: as, the poze chased Chyl-
dians, haue now (the space of seuen yeares) ben
dyten, from one Countrey to an other, & haue
ben greatly toymented vnder the Crosse: not
knowynge where they might haue a restynge
place. Our God therfore, of his mercifull
goodnesse, (as it is euident to euery mans sight)
hath ordayned this lande of Malcheren, as a
sure lodgynge and refuge, wherein they may main-
tayne themselves in the time of this Pilgre-
mage. And thus, beseechynge your goodnesse,
that we may all together giue vantage thanks
to God: and to attribute this victorie all onely
vnto him, not doubtyng, but he will so p[ro]sede
with the other countreys that are yet vnder the
Tyrannis of the ennemie: and so gratio[us]ly
delyuer them: to the magnifieng of his holy
name, and the saluation of their soules. Amen.

THE CONCLVSION.

For the accomplishment of that
pointe afoze rehearsed, makynge
mention of the Lorde St. Aldegonde
and the other prisoners. The Coronell
Montdragon, hath geuen his Letters
of Obligation, that he shall delyuer
them

them, and set them at libertie, within
two Monethes, eyther in Hollande,
Sealande, or any other place, that is
under his Majesties iurisdiction.

For defaulte wherof, on his behalfe:
the saide Coronell, shall yelde himselfe
personally, within the foresaid space,
into the handes of his excellent Ma-
jestie.

¶ FINIS.

ix. APRILIS.

